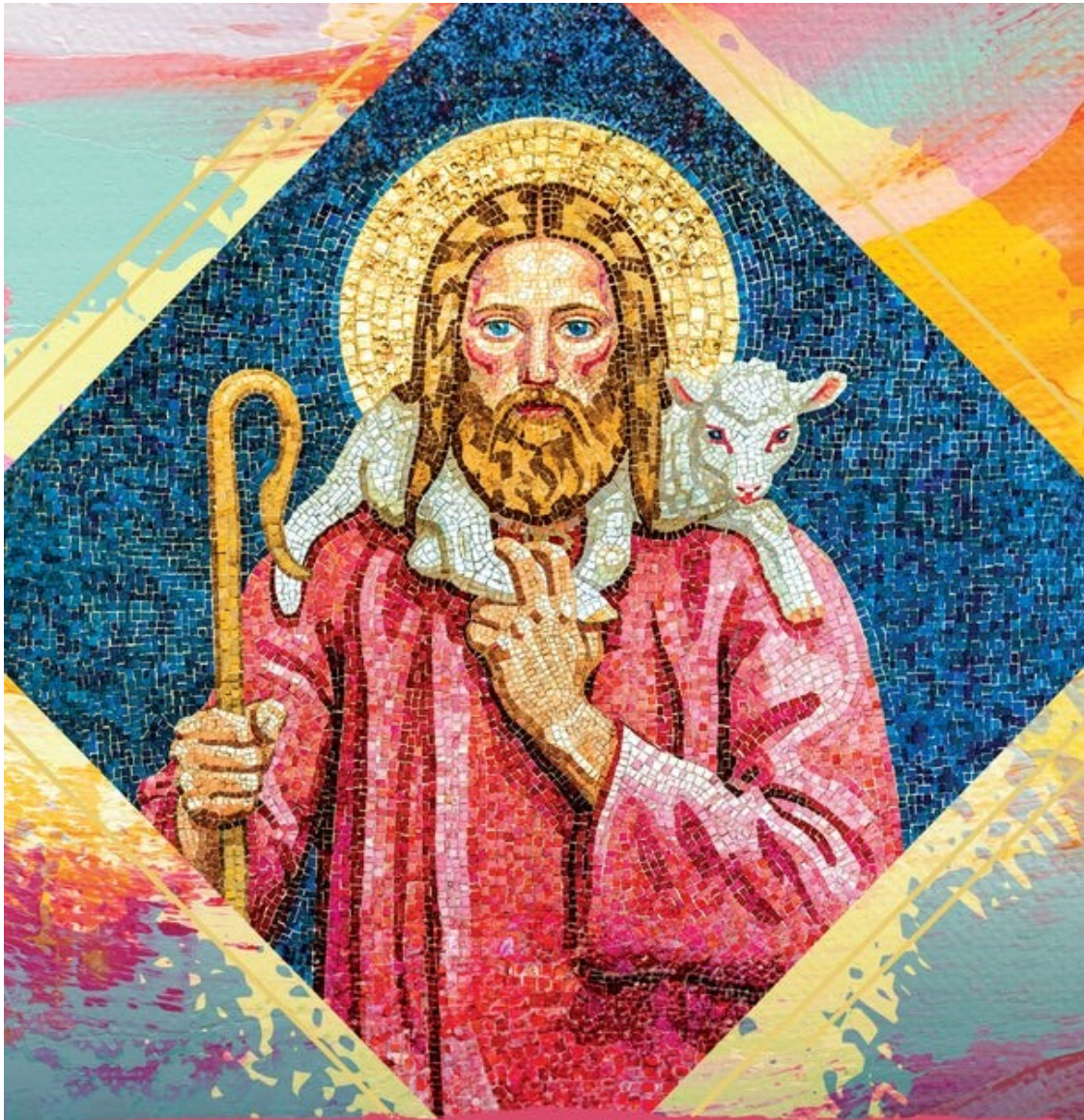




St. James the Apostle

Catholic Church | McDonough, Georgia



4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

“This is why the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again.” - Jn 10:17

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April 21, 2024 | Fourth Sunday of Easter

1000 Decatur Rd McDonough GA | 770-957-5441

Parish Office Hours

Monday—Thursday 9:00—4:00
parishoffice@stjamesapostle.com
<http://www.stjamesapostle.com>

Mass Schedule

Weekdays

Monday—Friday 8:30 am
Wednesday: 6:30 pm

Weekends

Saturday: 4:00 pm
Sunday: 8:30 am | 11:00 am | 5:00 pm

Confession Schedule

Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm

Saturday 9:00—10:00 am

Or by appointment

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

Wednesday 7:00—8:00 pm

First Fridays 9:00 am—8:00 pm



Register as a St. James
the Apostle parishioner by
scanning the QR code!

Mass Intentions | Week of April 21

Monday 8:30am Veronica Buchanan
by Veronica Buchanan

Tuesday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions

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6:30pm William D. Culps+
by K of C

Thursday 8:30am Fr. Liam Intentions

Friday 8:30am Iva Walcott+
by Joan Holmes

Saturday 4:00pm Mary Lou Young+
by Mr. & Mrs. John Bono

Sunday 8:30am Gloria Garcia & Shelia Francois+
by Nunez Family
11:00am Fr. Liam Intentions
5:00pm Our Parishioners



Calendar of Events

Monday

8:30 am | Mass
6:30—7:30 pm | First Holy
Communion Rehearsal

Tuesday

8:30 am | Mass
6:30—9:00 pm | Cub
Scouts and Boy Scouts |
Parish Hall & Pavilion
7:15—8:45 pm | RCIA:
Human Sexuality | Room
210

Wednesday

8:30 am | Mass
9:00—11:00 am | Divine
Mercy Prayer Group |
Room 210
5:00—5:40 | Holy Inno-
cents Rehearsal
6:30—7:30 pm | Confir-
mation Class | Room 212
6:30—8:00 pm | Mass,
Holy Hour & Confessions |
Church
7:00—8:30 pm | Prayer
Group | Room 214
7:15—8:30 pm | St. James
Men's Fellowship | Room
210

Thursday

8:30 am | Mass
9:30—11:30 am | Grief
Share | Room 210
4:00—5:00 pm | St. Zita
Ministry | Church
6:00—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 203 | Parish Hall
6:00—7:00 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal
6:30—8:30 pm | Grief
Share | Room 210
6:30—8:00 pm | Girl Scouts
Troop 11319 | Double
Room / Pavilion

Weekly Reflection

During the Easter season, we reflect on being followers of the stone that the builders rejected, the crucified and risen Jesus. Like a shepherd he leads us by his voice that echoes throughout the centuries and remains real and effective even in our modern world. To be his disciple means to risk rejection in a similar way as he experienced. The shepherd will not lead his lambs into danger, but there is danger all around us regardless.

Everyday Stewardship can be something we talk about in the abstract or a way of living we simply wish we could follow. It can be an imperfect reality that at times places us in direct conflict with the world. As we decrease and Jesus increases in us, many will be drawn to the love and compassion that flows through us. However, some will see us for fools and will suggest we are ridiculous. Cultivating our gifts for God's sake and the total surrender of all we possess and have become to God is not wise in some eyes. Either they think we are crazy, or, just maybe at times, the example of our lives causes them to question their own values.

If you give a little, you will be admired. If you give a lot, you will be celebrated. If you give it all, you can be rejected. Not everyone will have this negative reaction. Some will see your example and will seek to do the same. They will then join you in following the shepherd. They will become a true sign of Jesus Christ to the world. But their conversion of heart begins with you and your example.

--Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS

Readings & Observances Week of April 21

Monday:

Earth Day

Acts 11:1-18/Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:1-10

Tuesday:

St. George, Martyr; St. Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr

Acts 11:19-26/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday:

St. Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr;

Administrative Professionals' Day

Acts 12:24—13:5a/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday:

St. Mark, Evangelist

1 Pt 5:5b-14/Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17/Mk 16:15-20

Friday:

Arbor Day

Acts 13:26-33/Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/Jn 14:1-6

Saturday:

Acts 13:44-52/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Jn 14:7-14

Sunday:

5th Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 (26a)/
1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

Friday

8:30 am Mass

Saturday

9:00—10:00 am | Confessions | Church

10:00 am—11:30 am |
First Holy Communion

4:00 pm | Mass

Sunday

8:30 am | Mass

9:45—10:45 am | Faith
Formation

11:00 am | Mass

12:00—1:30 pm | Middle
School EDGE

3:30—4:30 pm | Sacred
Beat Rehearsal

5:00 pm | Mass

6:00—8:00 pm | Youth
Ministry | Room 212

Coming Month

May 3: First Friday Adoration

May 4: Virtus Training

May 18: Young at Heart
Bingo



May Crowning of the Blessed Mother

Sunday, May 5 at 9:45 am

Procession will begin in the courtyard.

All parishioners are cordially invited to participate.

This year's First Holy Communicants are encouraged to wear their First Holy Communion apparel.

New Beginnings

We have a continued need for two monthly and ongoing programs. We support three schools and A Friend's House with Pop Tarts, Granola Bars, 100% juice, chips, Goldfish, Mac & Cheese microwavable cups, and similar items. New Beginnings also needs small-sized toiletry items – soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, toothpaste, combs, socks, toilet paper, et cetera, and fruit cups, chips, granola bars for the 80 Grace Bags we pack for the homeless every month.

New Beginnings also supports the Bridge Wellness South and their immediate needs are for large-sized diapers (sizes 4, 5, 6, 7, and 8).

Please place donations in our bin in the Parish Hall. Also please consider donating a specific item to New Beginnings on a monthly basis. If you have questions, contact us at nbasjtacc@gmail.com or call Joel Walker at 678-764-7998.

Young Adult Ministry

If you are a young adult between the ages of 18-30, we would like to invite you to be part of our Young Adults ministry. We meet every other Wednesday from 7-8:30 for Formation and Pizza in the Parish Hall. Our next formation date is the 28th.

For more information, call or text Bill Renje at 813-416-2356.

Ultreya Meetings

These meetings are for all those who have made or are interested in making a Cursillo are held on the 2nd Saturday of each month.

The **Knights of Columbus** are **looking for volunteers**. Help is needed with directing traffic during the Henry County High School Graduations at the Atlanta Motor Speedway. The dates are May 17th - 23rd. The shifts are varied. If you cannot make it at exactly the start time, but would like to help out, let me know and we will work you in.

The Knights receive a donation for their labor which is used to fund the more than \$20,000 that will be donated to St. James and the St. James ministries. Join us in making these donations possible.

Use the QR code to see the schedule and sign up where your help is needed.



St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry

Our mission is to properly maintain and clean and polished sanctuary within St. James The Apostle. We meet in the church every other Thursday from 4-5 p.m. We have teams of 3 -4 volunteers and sign ups are done on our website. If interested, please sign up on our website or contact Diane Scarbrough at (770) 957-5441, x104 or dscarbrough@stjamesapostle.com

GriefShare

GriefShare will be held Thursdays 9:30 -11:30 am and 6:30 - 8:30 pm In Room 210 A, "the Cry Room"

Cost: \$20 for workbook; Adults Only

Any questions, contact Joe Blankenship 770-914-2341 To register, go to griefshare.org/findagroup and search for St James Catholic Church.

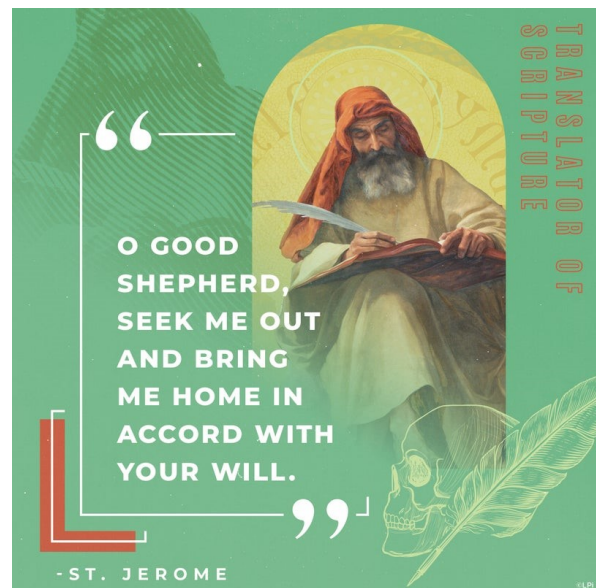
St James Men's Fellowship

All men 18 and over are invited to join us on Wednesday evenings at 7:15 in room 210 to watch the week's video and participate in the discussion afterwards. No workbooks or pre-registration required. For questions, contact Mike Martin at (404) 557-0083.

CURSILLO

Cursillo is a three-day, grace filled spiritual encounter with Jesus Christ held at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, GA.

For information contact Julie Gonzalez: 678-628-3322 or Claude Gaw 505-946-7012



Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2024

All Things are Made New

Thank you to all who have made a gift or a pledge to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal. You can still make a pledge by visiting www.archatl.com/appeal or contact the Office of Stewardship at annualappeal@archatl.com. Each contributor makes a very real difference in the ability of the archdiocese to provide ministries and services. We are grateful for your support!

Religious Education (PreK—8th grades)

Sacramental Prep for **First Holy Communion** has begun. First Communion will be held next weekend.

Youth Ministry (9-12th grades)

Today, 23 students and 4 chaperones return from a weekend retreat at Camp Covecrest in Tiger, GA, where we learned about being “Face to Face” with those around us, with ourselves, and with God. We had time outdoors, did a ropes course, and enjoyed time offline. If you’re in high school, think about joining us on our next retreat!



Whether you have been Catholic your entire life or are new to the faith, you are invited to find out more about the Catholic faith through the **Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA)**.

April 23 Topic: Human Sexuality 7:15—8:45 pm

FOR MORE INFORMATION contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com



Holy Family Counseling Center provides counseling for individuals, couples and families from a Catholic perspective. For information and appointments, contact 678-993-8494 or holyfamilycounselingcenter.com

PRAYER GROUP

Meets Wednesdays at 7pm in Room 214. Please contact Anna Cheverino at 770-320-8393 for more details.

Prayer Chain

Contact Anna Cheverino 770-320-8393.

The Holy Innocents Children’s Choir

We meet on Wednesdays from 5-5:40 pm in the Music Room. Children in 1st-7th grade are eligible and welcome. Registration is available on our website or at rehearsal. Contact Diane Scarbrough with questions.

The Way for Men

The Way for Men is a three-day retreat for adult male survivors of abuse, offered by the Archdiocese of Atlanta’s Victim Assistance Program. It will be May 24-26 at Carmel Retreat Center in Hoschton, GA. The registration deadline is May 16. Contact Sue Stubbs at 404-920-7550 or ssubbs@archatl.com for more information.



Now Enrolling for the 2024-2025 School Year!!

Our Preschool classes are for children ages 1-5 years old. Registration forms and information are available on our website:

www.stjamesapostleatholicchurch.com/preschool

For more information, please call (770) 957-5441 Ext. 121 or email the Director at vspieth@stjamesapostle.com



The Abbey Store

at the Monastery of the Holy Spirit in Conyers, Georgia is open Tuesday through Friday 11am to 4:30pm and Saturday 10am to 4:30pm. The store carries a large selection of Religious items, artwork, Bibles, books, gifts, bakery goods and more! Shop the store or order online.

Endowment Fund

Honor your loved one this Easter season and help your parish. When you make a gift to the parish endowment fund in honor of or in memory of a loved one, they are remembered forever and the parish benefits forever. Go to cfnga.org/give to support the parish.



Sign up for FLOCKNOTE to receive updates on all happenings here at St. James the Apostle!

Text **SJACC** to 84576 to sign up for FLOCKNOTES.



Clergy & Staff

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First Friday Devotion	Mary Byram 678-228-3391	
Girl Scouts	Susan McCurdy - 770-957-1863 Ingrid Zabala - 678-583-0616	
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Young at Heart	JoAnn Senger 678-756-2951	
St. Zita Sanctuary Ministry	Diane Scarbrough 770-318-2577	

Sacramental Preparation & Information

INFANT BAPTISM Parents must be members of St. James for at least 3 months or have the pastor's permission, and must complete the Belonging online course through Ascension Press as preparation. The cost is \$9.95. Both parents and Godparents are required to take the on-line course. For any questions, please refer to our St. James the Apostle website at; stjamesapostlecatholicchurch.com. Click on Sacraments, then Baptism which will lead you to our Baptismal Preparation Packet. Baptisms are normally celebrated on the **first Saturday** of the month at 10:30am.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION Children in the second grade, and active in the Faith Formation program for two consecutive years are eligible to enroll in the sacramental preparation program. Special preparation sessions are held throughout the year before the reception of these sacraments. Contact the Faith Formation office 770-957-5441 ext.108.

CONFIRMATION Youth in the 10th grade or older, and active in the teen program of the parish for at least two consecutive years, will be eligible to register for Confirmation. Contact the Youth Ministry office at 770-957-5441 ext. 110 for more information. For Adult Confirmation preparation, contact Deacon Charles Iner at ciner@stjamesapostle.com or 770-957-5441 ext. 201.

MARRIAGE Couples considering marriage must contact a priest or deacon **at least six months before** the projected date and must attend a pre-marriage program.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK Celebrated the second Saturday of the month following the 4:00 pm Vigil Mass, or contact the Parish Office to make arrangements. **If this is an emergency situation after hours, please call the Parish Office and press "1" for a sacramental emergency.**

HOLY COMMUNION FOR THE SICK If you or a loved one is in the hospital or in an assisted living situation, either temporarily or long term, please call the Parish Office Monday-Thursday to arrange a visit. This must be arranged prior to any weekend Mass.

MASS INTENTIONS Please contact the Parish Office. **Suggested donation is \$15.**

Weekly Collection

April 14 Offertory	\$19,090
YTD	\$727,229
YTD Over	\$756,352
Percent Online Giving	34%
St. Vincent de Paul	\$2,743
Archbishop's Appeal 2024 Goal:	\$74,900
Archbishop's Appeal Received:	\$45,564
Donors:	270
Renovations: Phase III	
Sound System Goal:	\$170,000
Sound System Received:	\$97,769
Sound System Expenditures:	\$15,769
Chapel Goal	\$70,000
Chapel Received:	\$46,454.67
Chapel Donors:	197
Building Fund April 14	\$1,279
Building Fund Balance (Less Expenditures)	\$23,459
Pending Building Fund Projects:	
Painting of Education Wing	
Repainting Fire Lane	
Repair HVAC Motor	
Parish Hall Lighting	

Sick List

In order to keep current the published names of those for whom prayers have been requested, we will remove the names at the end of each two-month period beginning March. Please call the parish office at the end of each two-month period if you wish to have the name reposted.

Please Pray For...

Pete Hut | Christine Mereand | Jimmy Cook | Tim Mitchell
|Maureen Richardson | Kim Stapleton | Cathy Moeller |
Gary Simmons | Mary Binkley |Linda Leix | Peggy Woffard |
Katie Cawley | Mary Wagner | Jim O'Connor | Renee
Anderson | Patti Eckels | Micah Carroll

If you or a loved one is in the hospital, hospice, homebound or in an assisted living situation, please call our Sick Ministry at 770-957-5441 x118 to notify us.

ARCHDIOCESE ABUSE REPORTING

We are Here to Listen and Take Action

Archdiocesan 24 hour Abuse Reporting Hotline

1-888-437-0764

Abuse hotline for bishops only:

<https://reportbishopabuse.org> or call (800) 276-1562.